

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

ADJUTANT GENERAL

OF THE

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,

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REPORT.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
TRENTON, Oct. 31, 1872. }

To His Excellency Joel Parker, Governor and Commander-in-Chief:

SIR:—I have the honor to submit the following report of this department for the year 1872:

The principal business of this office during the year has been, like all preceding ones since the war, the investigating of military records, and answering the various inquiries of officials, of late officers and men, of their heirs or agents relative to the enlistment, muster, credit or discharge of soldiers in the volunteer service. Most carefully prepared certificates of these facts are daily required, and the demand therefor seems steadily to increase. The research and labor requisite to furnish the information needed even in a single case, cannot well be stated.

Two years ago I reported the complete military record obtained of two thousand five hundred [2,500] men who enlisted from this State in the regular army, and of more than four thousand [4,000] colored troops credited upon the quota of the State. This year I report that I have obtained the final records of more than one-half of those who enlisted from New Jersey in the United States Navy and Marine Corps; of all who enlisted in the First Army Corps [Hancock's]; of all who joined the regiments of other States; and a large proportion of soldiers in our own volunteer organizations, who are reported on muster-out rolls as "absent at muster" and up to this time have remained "unaccounted for" on our books. I expect before many months to complete this task, and the roster history of the soldiers and sailors of this State will then I believe, fully compare with the printed records of other States.

The official record of soldiers of New Jersey who took part in the military service of this country during the Revolutionary War, as spoken of in my last report, has been completed, published, and disposition made of the edition by the commissioners appointed by the Legislature. From the many letters I have received, and the notices of the press, I feel assured that this effort to perpetuate the names of those heroes who fought in that early struggle, has been fully appre-

ciated. Already I find that gentlemen in two neighboring cities are searching over musty documents to see if a compilation of like character can be made of troops of their States.

The joint resolution under which the work on the Revolutionary War was published, authorized also the printing of records of the War of 1812, and of the Mexican War. We have much material gathered for the former, and have the roster already compiled for the latter war, and hope to be able to complete another volume of military records of the State.

The official list of the soldiers of the late war now ordered published, will demand most of our attention during the current year. I cannot much regret the delay in the publication of this work, for hardly a day in the last five years but what has found this record grown more exact and more complete.

The National Guard of this State one year ago numbered fifty-two [52] companies of infantry, and two [2] of artillery, eight counties being without military organization. The proviso in section 1 of the act organizing the same, having been stricken out by the last Legislature, several new companies have been organized to fill the vacancies thus created in the force.

The Second Battalion, heretofore not fully organized, has now three companies with battalion officers in commission. The Third Battalion has ceased to exist, the companies composing it having been assigned to a new regiment, numbered the Seventh.

Company E, Third Regiment, and Company G, Sixth Regiment, have been disbanded by authority, having fallen below the numbers required by law. The new company forming at Bordentown according to my last report, failed to complete its organization.

New companies have been organized in the Second Battalion—Company B, at Englewood, Company C, at Hackensack; in the Third Regiment—Company E, at Plainfield, Company F, at Rahway, and Company H, at Elizabeth; in the Sixth Regiment—Company G, at Camden; in the Seventh Regiment—Company E, at Turkey, Monmouth county; in the Fourth Battalion—Company C, at Bridgeton.

The National Guard now stands fifty-seven [57] companies of infantry, and two [2] of artillery. A new company of infantry, located at New Brunswick, has been approved, and is ready for muster. There are still two [2] vacancies in the force allowed by law.

The last Legislature authorized the organization of companies of colored infantry, not to exceed ten in number. Six companies have been approved and mustered in, and I anticipate the date of this report when I speak of the regiment as fully organized, and as numbered the Eighth. This, however, will more fully appear in the Inspector General's report.

The parades and inspections of the several organizations have been held according to law. The annual review of the Second Brigade took place at Camden, June 3d, and of the First Brigade at Jersey City, October 10th. I am sure all who witnessed these parades, as

well as that on inauguration day, must have been pleased with the drill and discipline of our military force.

While all the companies in the State are required rigidly to keep their number up to the legal minimum, few of them parade forty men at review, or are able to inspect that number as "present." It would benefit the National Guard, I am sure, if a premium, properly graded was paid by the State to all organizations that parade or inspect over the minimum required by law.

The report of the Assistant Adjutant General, Chief of Enrolling and Drafting, has been received, and is herewith annexed.

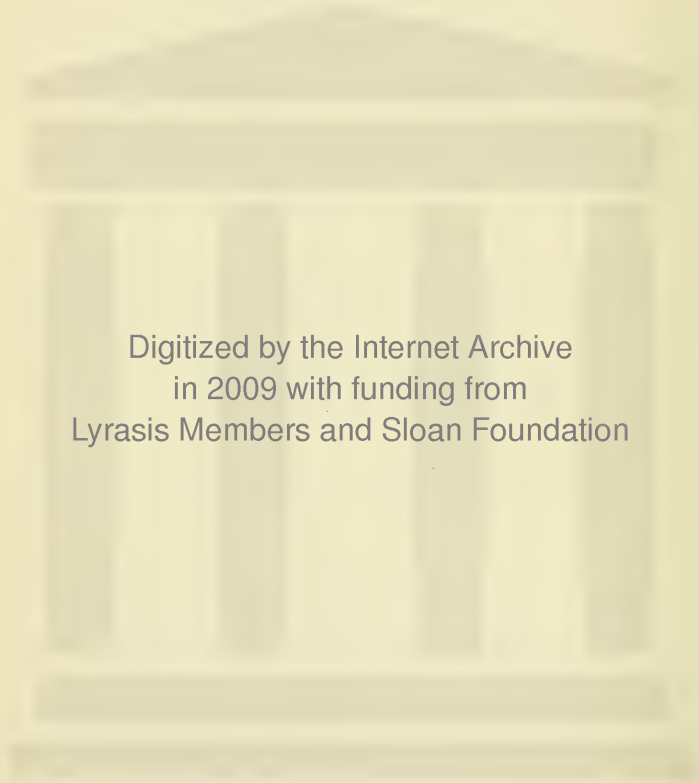
The report of the Inspector General, with the returns of Brigade Inspectors of the National Guard, is subjoined, to which you are referred for special information as to its numbers and general efficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM S. STRYKER,

Adjutant General of New Jersey.

APPENDIX.



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REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
 ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
 BUREAU OF ENROLLING AND DRAFTING,
 TRENTON, October 31. 1872.

GENERAL:—I have the honor to report that the estimated number “of persons between the ages of eighteen [18] and forty-five [45] years, who are liable to perform military duty” in this State, at this date, is one hundred and twenty-nine thousand five hundred and ninety-two, [129,592]. This constitutes the reserve militia of the State. It is divided by counties:

Atlantic,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,023
Bergen,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,433
Burlington,	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,682
Camden,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,601
Cape May,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,218
Cumberland,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,955
Essex,	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,558
Gloucester,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,075
Hudson,	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,469
Hunterdon,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,280
Mercer,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,639
Middlesex,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,437
Monmouth,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,617
Morris,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,166
Ocean,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,809
Passaic,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,638
Salem,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,422
Somerset,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,358
Sussex,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,310
Union,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,985
Warren,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,917

129,592

I am, General, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. M. DICKINSON,

Colonel, and Assistant Adjutant General of N. J.

Brig. Gen. WILLIAM S. STRYKER, *Adj't Gen'l of N. J.*

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
ELIZABETH, N. J., December 24th, 1872. }

GENERAL:—I have the honor to transmit to you the Inspection returns for the year 1872, as far as the same have been received by me. I regret to be obliged to report that six companies of infantry, viz.: Companies B, F, and H, Second Regiment; companies B and G, of the Fourth Regiment; and companies A, B, F, and G, of the Sixth Regiment; companies C, Seventh Regiment, and company D, First Battalion, have failed to parade for inspection, and my report has been delayed beyond the usual time, because I have been waiting for their returns. With reference to the above mentioned companies, I would respectfully recommend that their annual appropriations from the State be withheld, and that unless some satisfactory explanation be made for their failure to parade, that they be either disbanded or consolidated. With reference to Company D, of the Second Regiment, which falls seven short of the minimum required by law, I respectfully recommend that the same course be pursued.

The returns of the First Brigade show that upon the inspection of twenty-eight companies of infantry, and one battery, there were present 1,020 officers and men, and 625 absent, total 1,645.

The State has during the past year contributed to the companies which they represent, the sum of \$15,000, besides having paid large amounts for transportation, and for supplying liberally both arms and ammunition. The cost therefore to the State of each available musket bearing soldier in that brigade during the past year, has been about \$19.25 paid directly to the company. In the Second Brigade, to which the sum of \$11,500 has been paid during the past year, 701 officers and men were present, and 324 absent, total 1,025 inspected. The cost of each to the State in that brigade having been about \$21.50, besides the cost of arms, ammunition, and transportation.

It may be that some legislation is necessary to correct the present system, and if so, it ought to be obtained. There should certainly be more strictness in the annual inspections, which are now too much regarded as a mere form, and are frequently not made by the brigade

inspectors personally, but are compiled from the orderly sergeants' returns, or hasty reports made by company officers.

The present law requires the brigade inspectors to forward their returns on or before November 1st, in each and every year, but up to this date all the inspections have not yet been made.

I beg leave to suggest a plan which I think would remedy to some extent the evils which now exist, and render our National Guard more effective. To carry out which will require several amendments to the present law.

FIRST. An amendment requiring an annual inspection to be made of each company, between the 1st of September and the 15th of October, in each and every year, by the brigade inspector, at which time shall be furnished by the company commander to the inspector, muster rolls in triplicate, of the same form used in the regular service, which shall in addition contain endorsed thereon, a certificate of the commanding officer of the average present at company drills and parades throughout the year, as taken from the company books, which muster rolls shall then be examined by the inspecting officer and certified. And the three copies disposed of as follows: one shall be sent to the regimental paymaster by the company commander, so that he may be able therefrom to make out the accounts against the State, and the other two forwarded by the brigade inspector to the Inspector General's office, one to be used by him in making out his annual reports, and filed by him in the office of the Adjutant General, and the other to be certified to by him and forwarded to the headquarters of the National Guard.

SECOND. An amendment forfeiting the annual appropriations of such companies as fail to parade for inspection within the time fixed by law, or whose reports are not duly forwarded to the Inspector General's office, on or before the 30th day of October.

I would also recommend that no change be made in the amount paid to the batteries of artillery, but that an amendment be made in the law as to the amount allowed for each company of infantry, so that instead of \$500 being paid, whether the company be large or small, efficient or worthless, the amount be graduated, and the State moneys more equitably distributed. It is perhaps difficult to say what precise basis of payment would be the best, and call forth the most emulation between the different companies, but I most respectfully submit the following proposition for your consideration, viz.: that the sum of \$15 for each enlisted man be allowed, and that the strength of each company be ascertained by taking its average attendance at company drills and parades throughout the year, and its strength present at the annual inspection.

Let us look for example what would have been our experience during the past year upon such a basis—taking the present inspection reports for our guide—44 companies of infantry have drawn \$22,000, while upon inspection their strength (excluding officers) is

but 1,321 men, who at \$15 each, would have drawn only \$19,815, or a saving of \$2,185.

Now let us see how that sum of \$19,815 would have been divided.

1st Regiment	with 6	Companies	drew \$3,000	with 134	men	proportioned	would have drawn	\$2,010
2d	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
2d	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
4th	"	the 5	" (insp'd)	"	"	"	"	"
5th	"	with 7	"	"	"	"	"	"
6th	"	the 3	" (insp'd)	"	"	"	"	"
7th	"	with 4	"	"	"	"	"	"
1st Battalion	"	3	"	"	"	"	"	"
2d	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
4th	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Amount drawn.....			\$22,000	Amount proportioned on above basis.....			\$19,815	

From an examination of the above figures, it seems to me that such a plan as I have above suggested could work no injustice, and every company would have something to stimulate it to be prompt.

Those regiments which have the largest attendance, viz.: the Fifth and Seventh, and the Second Battalion would have profited during the past year by such an arrangement, and it would not have materially affected the Third and Fourth Regiments, or the First and Third Battalions, while to the State, proceeding in its bounties upon the principal of *quantum meruit*, there would have been in the First, Second, and Sixth Regiments, a saving of \$2,150, not to mention the additional \$2,000 paid to the Sixth Regiment, for the four companies which have failed to report.

From the Eighth Regiment I have received no inspection returns. It is a new organization, and I have simply added their muster in strength to the aggregate present and absent. As they are attached to neither of the brigades, I suppose that is the reason no inspection has been made. I therefore respectfully recommend that some suitable officer be detailed to hold an inspection of the companies composing that regiment, and that the State appropriations be paid upon certified copies of the muster-in-rolls.

I have learned from time to time that a large number of arms belonging to the State, which have heretofore been issued to the militia, are neglected and apparently abandoned, and that they may be found scattered in many of the towns and villages throughout the State. I would recommend that they be collected, and that all officers who have heretofore receipted for arms, who are no longer in the active militia, be called upon to return or account for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

J. AUGUSTUS FAY, JR.,

Brigadier General and Inspector General of N. J

To Brig. Gen. WILLIAM S. STRYKER, *Adj't General of N. J*

INSPECTION RETURN OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

FIRST BRIGADE.

FIRST REGIMENT.	Officers present.	Men present.	Officers absent.	Men absent.	Total present and absent.	STATION.
Field and Staff.....	6	.....	2	.....	8	Newark.
Company A.....	2	29	.....	23	55	Newark.
Company B.....	2	25	.....	26	53	Newark.
Company C.....	2	24	1	24	51	Newark.
Company D.....	2	19	1	27	49	Newark.
Company E.....	2	19	.....	31	52	Newark.
Company F.....	2	18	.....	29	49	Newark.
	19	134	4	160	317	

INSPECTION RETURN OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

FIRST BRIGADE.

SECOND REGIMENT.	Officers present.	Men present.	Officers absent.	Men absent.	Total present and absent.	STATION.
Field and Staff.....	10	.....	2	.....	12	Newark.
Company A.....	2	22	1	21	46	Newark.
Company B*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Orange.
Company C.....	3	19	.....	26	48	Newark.
Company D.....	2	24	1	9	36	Newark.
Company E.....	2	30	1	30	63	Newark.
Company F*.....	Franklin.
Company H*.....	Belleville.
	19	95	5	86	205	

* Not inspected.

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INSPECTION RETURN OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

FIRST BRIGADE.

FOURTH REGIMENT.	Officers present.	Men present.	Officers absent.	Men absent.	Total present and absent.	STATION.
Field and Staff.....	7	.....	4	.....	11	Jersey City.
Company A	1	29	2	38	70	Hudson City.
Company B*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Hudson City.
Company C.....	1	38	2	12	53	Hudson City.
Company D.....	2	25	1	29	48	Bergen.
Company E.....	1	30	1	28	61	Jersey City.
Company F.....	3	21	.....	28	52	Jersey City.
Company G*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Bayonne.
	16	143	10	126	295	

* Not inspected.

INSPECTION RETURN OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

FIRST BRIGADE.

FIFTH REGIMENT—VETERAN.	Officers present.	Men present.	Officers absent.	Men absent.	Total present and absent.	STATION.
Field and Staff.....	5	.....	4	.....	9	Newark.
Company A	12	55	1	20	78	Orange.
Company C.....	12	31	.....	19	52	Newark.
Company D.....	3	46	.....	14	63	Newark.
Company E.....	3	46	.....	11	60	Newark.
Company F.....	3	30	14	47	Newark.
Company G.....	2	15	1	27	45	Newark.
Company H.....	3	37	25	65	Newark.
	23	260	6	130	419	

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INSPECTION RETURN OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

FIRST BRIGADE.

FIRST BATTALION.	Officers present.	Men present.	Officers absent.	Men absent.	Total present and absent.	STATION.
Field and Staff.....	9	.....	.....	.....	9	Hoboken.
Company A.....	3	22	.....	32	57	Hoboken.
Company B.....	3	36	.....	13	52	Weehawken.
Company C.....	3	32	.....	20	55	Hoboken.
Company D*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Hoboken.
	18	90	.....	65	173	

* Not inspected.

INSPECTION RETURN OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

FIRST BRIGADE.

SECOND BATTALION.	Officers present.	Men present.	Officers absent.	Men absent.	Total present and absent.	STATION.
Field and Staff.....	2	.....	1	.....	3	Leonia.
Company A.....	3	37	.....	11	51	Leonia.
Company B.....	3	40	.....	6	49	Englewood.
Company C*.....	3	45	.....	.....	48	Hackensack.
	11	122	1	17	151	
Battery A.....	3	67	15	85	Weehawken.

* New organization—Inspection made at muster-in.

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SECOND BRIGADE.

THIRD REGIMENT.	Officers present.	Men present.	Officers absent.	Men absent.	Total present and absent.	STATION.
Field and Staff.....	6	.....	5	.....	11	Elizabeth.
Company A	1	30	2	12	45	Elizabeth.
Company B.....	2	12	1	32	47	Elizabeth.
Company C.....	3	34	.....	12	49	Elizabeth.
Company D.....	3	44	.....	.....	47	New Brunswick.
Company E*.....	3	43	.....	.....	46	Plainfield.
Company F.....	3	42	.....	.....	45	Rahway.
Company G	1	27	.....	19	47	Keyport.
Company H	3	19	.....	22	44	Elizabeth.
	25	251	8	97	381	

* New organization. Inspection at muster-in.

INSPECTION RETURN OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

SECOND BRIGADE.

SIXTH REGIMENT.	Officers present.	Men present.	Officers absent.	Men absent.	Total present and absent.	STATION.
Field and Staff.....	.....	.....	13	.....	13	Camden.
Company A*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Burlington.
Company B*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Camden.
Company C.....	2	24	1	29	56	Camden.
Company D	2	21	1	34	58	Camden.
Company E.....	2	16	1	26	45	Camden.
Company F*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Atlantic City.
Company G†.....	3	46	49	Camden.
	9	107	16	89	221	

* Not inspected.

† New organization. Inspection at muster-in.

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INSPECTION RETURN OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

SECOND BRIGADE.

SEVENTH REGIMENT.	Officers present.	Men present.	Officers absent.	Men absent.	Total present and absent.	STATION.
Field and Staff.....	3	48	.....	.....	51	Lambertville.
Company A.....	1	32	.....	24	57	Trenton.
Company B.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Trenton.
Company C*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lambertville.
Company D.....	3	34	.....	15	52	Trenton.
Company E.....	3	41	.....	2	46	Turkey.
	10	155	.....	41	206	

* Not inspected.

INSPECTION RETURN OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

SECOND BRIGADE.

FOURTH BATTALION.	Officers present.	Men present.	Officers absent.	Men absent.	Total present and absent.	STATION.
Field and Staff.....	4	.....	3	.....	7	Bridgeton.
Company A.....	3	40	.....	5	48	Millville.
Company B.....	2	26	1	17	46	Bridgeton.
Company C.....	3	32	8	43	Bridgeton.
	12	98	4	30	144	
Battery B.....	2	32	39	73	Camden.

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INSPECTION RETURN OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

EIGHTH REGIMENT.*	Officers present.	Men present.	Officers absent.	Men absent.	Total present and absent.	STATION.
Field and Staff.	3	.....	.....	.....	3	Camden.
Company A	2	63	.....	.....	65	Elizabeth.
Company B.....	3	49	.....	.....	52	Trenton.
Company C.....	3	57	.....	.....	60	Camden.
Company D.....	3	47	.....	.....	50	Camden.
Company E.....	3	46	.....	.....	49	Camden.
Company F.....	3	54	.....	.....	57	New Brunswick.
	20	316	.....	.....	336	

* New organization. Inspection made at muster-in of each company.

RECAPITULATION.

REGIMENTS, BATTALIONS AND BATTERIES.	Officers present.	Men present.	Officers absent.	Men absent.	Total present and absent.
FIRST BRIGADE.					
First Regiment	19	134	4	160	317
Second Regiment	19	95	5	86	205
Fourth Regiment.....	16	143	10	126	295
Fifth Regiment—Veteran... ..	23	260	6	130	419
First Battalion.....	18	90	.....	65	173
Second Battalion.....	11	122	1	17	151
Battery A	3	67	.....	15	85
	109	911	26	599	1645
SECOND BRIGADE.					
Third Regiment	25	251	8	97	381
Sixth Regiment	9	107	16	89	221
Seventh Regiment.....	10	155	.....	41	206
Fourth Battalion.....	12	98	4	30	144
Battery B.....	2	32	.....	39	73
	58	643	28	296	1025
Eighth Regiment.....	20	316	.....	.....	336
Total.....	187	1870	54	895	3006

